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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW NINE MILE POINT OPERATING LICENSES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application from Constellation Energy Group Inc. to renew the operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 of the Nine Mile Point nuclear power plant for an additional 20 years.

The Nine Mile Point plant is located near Oswego, N. Y. The current operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 expire on August 22, 2009, and October 31, 2026, respectively.

NRC staff has determined that Constellation Energy has submitted sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds, nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant or deny the application.

A notice of NRC's determination and the opportunity to request a hearing was published in the *Federal Register* today. The deadline to request a hearing is September 20. By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. A request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. They may also be submitted by fax to 301-415-1101, or e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov, delivered to the NRC Public Document Room at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Copies of petitions should also be sent to:

- -- Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax, 301-415-3725, or e-mail, OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov; and
- -- Mr. Mark J. Wetterhahn, Esq., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-3502 (attorney for the licensee).

Additional information about the opportunity for a hearing may be found in the *Federal Register* notice. A copy of the license renewal application is available on the NRC web site at this

address: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/nine-mile-pt.html. The document is also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, Maryland, and at the Penfield Library Reference and Documents Department, State University of New York, in Oswego.

For more information, contact Tommy Le, License Renewal Project Manager for the Nine Mile Point plant, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-1458.

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